

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Dubuque Paper Company Warehouse
200 Iowa Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: 200 Iowa Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 7.11
Cadastral grid: SE1/4 NE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.692040.4707500
Lot dimensions: 46' x 110': .12 acre
Lot description: South 46' of the South
157' of City Lot 745.

Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition: fair

Overall Dimensions: 47' x 104'; 7 stories
Orientation: west
Architectural Description: Plan type: 7-story trapezoidal, open-space warehouse.
Foundation: coursed ashlar limestone perimeter walls with tooled stone watertable.
Structure: iron/wood frame with brick masonry bearing walls.
Ext. walls: face and common brick laid in common bond.
Roofs: flat composition roof with brick parapet walls; asphalt-shingled shed/gable extending from wall over side loading platform.
Chimneys: none
Openings: steel-sash 2/2 double-hung windows throughout, with brick semicircular arch (7th floor), flat arch (1st-3rd floors) or loose lintel (4th-6th floors) heads and continuous stone (2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th floors) or continuous brick rowlock (1st, 4th, 6th floors) sills; all windows on front, sides and rear placed singly except one set of triple-banked windows on 1st floor front; windowless brick party wall on north.
Doorways: single-leaf main entrance with stacked transoms and a tooled stone neoclassical cornice and engaged columns forming a surround; double-leaf doorway on south side, under canopy.
Details: brick walls recessed on 5th-7th floors to form simple brick pilasters; overscaled stone key-stones in flat arch heads of 1st and 2nd floor windows on front and side; A.Y. McDONALD MFG. CO. painted in band between 6th and 7th floor front and 1st and 2nd floor rear windows.

Construction Date : 1913-14

Architecture Style: Twentieth Century Functional

Physical History : Formed by A.E. Flick and B.T. Gunderson, the Dubuque Paper Company, a wholesale supply firm, was first located in a two-story structure at 156 Main Street. In 1910 the company moved its expanding operations to an existing four-story warehouse on Iowa Street [HABS No. IA-160-I]. In 1913 Flick and Gunderson hired prominent Dubuque commercial contractor Anton Zwack to erect a seven-story brick warehouse on the corner of Second and Iowa Streets, alongside the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, on the former site of a two-story stone warehouse built by wagon-maker A.A. Cooper. Completed the following year for the reported cost of \$65,000, the building featured typical warehouse construction, with cast iron and heavy timber framing and brick masonry exterior bearing walls. The business offices were housed on the first floor, as were the loading areas on the side and rear. The basement and the upper floors were organized as open-plan warehouse spaces. Soon renamed the Dubuque Paper and Supply Company, the firm operated this location until sometime before 1937. The building was subsequently acquired by the A.Y. McDonald Manufacturing Company, one of Dubuque's industrial giants, and used as a warehouse for plumbing fixtures and supplies. Most recently, it has functioned as a paper and book warehouse for the Brown Publishing Company. In 1984 the Iowa Department of Transportation purchased the structure and will demolish it in preparation for a proposed highway. Throughout its service, the Dubuque Paper Company Warehouse has undergone only relatively minor alterations, most noticeable of which is the construction of a canopy over the side loading platform in 1973.

Significance: Typically configured, structured and detailed, the Dubuque Paper Company Warehouse is a representative example of the industrial buildings erected near the railroad yards of eastern Dubuque in the early 20th century.

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